

What is claimed is:

1. A method of providing a delivery date for order-received products to a customer, comprising the steps of:

entering a requirement information of products from the customer;

providing to the customer a shipment guarantee value which is provisionally allocated to a volume of products for a order included in said requirement information;

receiving formal order-receiving information of the products from said customer in response to said shipment guarantee value; and

formally allocating an applicable said shipment guarantee value based on the order included in said formal order-receiving information.

2. A method of providing a delivery date, for order-received products, to a customer according to claim 1, wherein, in the step of formally allocating, when said provisionally allocated shipment guarantee value exceeds the formally allocated guarantee value, a portion of the excess is used for another formal allocation, and when said provisionally allocated shipment guarantee value falls short in comparison with a formal allocation, a portion of the shortage is allocated to a new formal order-receiving.

3. A method of providing a delivery date for order-received products to a customer according to claim 1, wherein, in the step of formally allocating, the shipment guarantee value is deleted on or after a deadline delivery date for said order-receiving which is calculated from said shipment guarantee value.

4. A program of providing a delivery date for order-received products to a customer, the program causing a computer to program the steps comprising:

entering requirement information, of products, from the customer;

providing the customer a shipment guarantee value which is provisionally allocated to a volume of products for a order included in said requirement information;

receiving a formal order-receiving information of the products from said customer in response to said shipment guarantee value; and

formally allocating an applicable said shipment guarantee value based on the order included in said formal order-receiving information.

5. A program of providing a delivery date for order-received products to customer as set forth in claim 4, wherein, in the step of formally allocating, when said provisionally allocated shipment guarantee value exceeds the formally allocated guarantee value, a portion of the excess is used for other formal allocation, and when said provisionally allocated shipment guarantee value falls short in comparison with formal allocation, a portion of the shortage is allocated to a new formal order-receiving.

6. A program of providing a delivery date for order-received products to customer as set forth in claim 4, wherein, in the step of formally allocating, the shipment guarantee value is deleted on or after a deadline delivery date for said order-receiving which is calculated from said shipment guarantee value.

7. A computer readable recording medium having recorded therein a program for providing a delivery date for order-received products to a customer, the program causing a computer to program the steps comprising:

entering a requirement information of products from the customer;

providing to the customer a shipment guarantee value which is provisionally allocated to a volume of products for a order included in said requirement information;

receiving formal order-receiving

information of the products from said customer in response to said shipment guarantee value; and

formally allocating an applicable said shipment guarantee value based on the order included in said formal order-receiving information.

8. A computer readable storage medium as set forth in claim 7, wherein, in the step of formally allocating, when said provisionally allocated shipment guarantee value exceeds the formally allocated guarantee value, a portion of the excess is used for an other formal allocation, and when said provisionally allocated shipment guarantee value falls short in comparison with formal allocation, a portion of the shortage is allocated to a new formal order-receiving.

9. A computer readable storage medium as set forth in claim 7, wherein, in the step of formally allocating, the shipment guarantee value is deleted on or after a deadline delivery date for said order-receiving which is calculated from said shipment guarantee value.